

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

I am seeking details on hospital attendances or admissions related to BBQs between January 2022 and the most recent available data, ideally broken down by month and by hospital.

Specifically:

1. The number of patients treated for:
 - Burns or injuries caused by BBQs
 - Cuts, wounds or other trauma sustained during BBQs
 - Suspected food poisoning related to BBQs
 - Carbon monoxide poisoning linked to BBQ usage

If possible, please differentiate between Emergency Department attendances and inpatient admissions.

Inpatient Admissions: #

We can confirm that the Trust holds some information relevant to your request. However, we are unable to provide a breakdown by month and by hospital, as the number of cases recorded is less than five (<5). Disclosure of such small numbers could potentially lead to the identification of individuals when combined with other publicly available data. Therefore, this information is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (personal data exemption).

Please note that our coding system does not contain a specific code for BBQ-related injuries. For burns, we use a broader code that encompasses multiple types of contact burns by body site. The closest available code refers to "contact with hot household appliances, at home," which includes cookers, kettles, hotplates, saucepans, stoves, and toasters. Therefore, any data retrieved under this code may not relate exclusively to BBQs and should not be interpreted as BBQ-specific.

Due to these limitations in coding and the very low numbers involved, we are unable to provide precise figures that directly relate to BBQs.

Emergency Department Attendances:

We can confirm that the Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format for Emergency Department (ED) attendances. Our ED system (Symphony) does not capture specific details that would allow us to identify attendances explicitly linked to BBQ-related incidents. As such, we are unable to provide the requested data.

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If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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